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SUBJECT:SOVIET DOUBTS ABOUT HOLDING CIMS/SCST MANAGEMENT  
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REF: STATE 16400

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO THE U.S. SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI PLANS TO DISCUSS "WHETHER OR NOT" TO HOLD CIMS SEMINAR. THIS SURPRISING MESSAGE CAME TO US THROUGH INTERMEDIARY OF GRIBKOV (VICE PRESIDENT OF US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL) WHOSE ASSISTANCE WE HAD SOUGHT WHEN OTHER MEASURES HAD FAILED TO ELICIT REPLIES. AT OUR PROMPTING, GRIBKOV ASKED AYKAZYAN ABOUT THIS MATTER AT THE AIRPORT YESTERDAY WHEN AYKAZYAN AND GVISHIANI WERE DEPARTING FOR THE U.S. IN COMPANY WITH CHEMICALS FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OSIPENKO FOR A MEETING SPONSORED BY THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

2. THIS INDIRECT MESSAGE FROM AYKAZYAN IS FIRST WORD WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM SOVIET SIDE ABOUT STATUS OF THIS PROGRAM SINCE LATE JANUARY WHEN AYKAZYAN TOLD SCIENCE COUNSELOR THAT APRIL 10-15 WERE FINE AND THAT GVISHIANI WOULD BE PARTICIPATING. APPARENT SOVIET SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT  
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HOLDING THIS SEMINAR MAY GO SOME WAY TOWARD EXPLAINING WHY SCST AND INSTITUTE OF SYSTEMS RESEARCH HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS SCHEDULE FOR CIMS VISIT DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS BY EMBASSY DURING THE PAST MONTH TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETING.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT URGENTLY INFORM MRS. AGNES PALL OF

THESE DEVELOPMENTS. NEW YORK PHONE NUMBER IS (212) 374-  
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